

Austin Abbott.

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1822



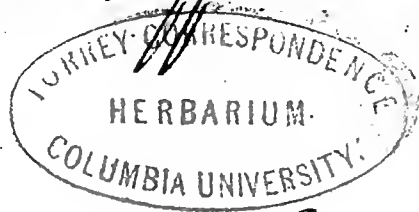
Dear Sir

I extremely regret the necessity that has prevented my answering your favour of the 2nd of November last. Soon after the receipt of your letter together with a very acceptable bundle of plants - I left this city and since my return - this is the first which has presented of sending to you -

In what manner Mr. Asch made out the last catalogue of plants which he sent <sup>you</sup> from my list I am unable to say - Many of those which you request me to send you I have now seen - they have been sent me by my friends in Massachusetts - the *Aspidistra* in your list - which I collected in this neighbourhood I now send you - except the *Calophyllum thalictroides* *Hyssoptus scrophularifolius* *Ceanothus americanus* *Asclepias viridiflora* - the *A. viridiflora* is very rare in this neighbourhood. I have found it however in the same locality with the *A. verticillata* - I should send you specimens of these plants - if it were not that I have sent them

away to my friends before I received your letter - so that I have not a duplicate left - The *Caulophyllum thalictroides* grows in abundance about a mile from this city, on the border of a small stream that falls into the South Bay -

My collection of Cryptogamic plants is very small. I intend however to collect those that grow in this neighborhood the following season - I shall collect sufficient to supply you with specimens -



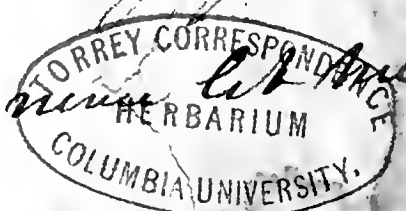
I have no plants in my collection that I have not named - whether right or wrong I am unable to say - Those I send you I have numbered - that you may name them and return the numbers named to me - If you would return the names by mail as soon as convenient you will oblige me, as I am now making out a list of my plants for Professor Dewey of Williams College -

I regret that the specimens I send you are so small and badly preserved. My excuse is that I have exchanged so much that I have but few duplicates that are handsome

I do not know whether our Lyceum has sent you the  
promised box of minerals - If they have not I will see that  
they are sent as early as an opportunity offers - I  
have just received a very handsome collection of plants from  
Mr Jacob Porter of Plainfield Massachusetts - they  
are a valuable addition to my collection -

Many plants which you have to part with  
would be thankfully received by your humble servant  
and in return I would engage to make you a collec-  
tion of plants from this place to any amount, that  
you may supply your friends - If you will let me  
know your wishes upon the subject - If you  
ever requested Mr Alsops to send you any of the  
plants mentioned in his first list - he never let me  
know of it

yours with esteem  
Austin Allen



Quaker Street

Feb. 13th, 1822

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